

Honorable John H. Chun

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT,

Plaintiff,

v.

A.J. and N.J. on behalf of their minor child, P.J.,

Defendants.

No. 2:22-cv-01630-JHC

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE
UNREDACTED ADMINISTRATIVE
RECORD UNDER SEAL

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion to file the administrative record under seal. The Court starts from the position that there is "a strong presumption in favor of access to court records." *Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1135 (9th Cir. 2003). To overcome this presumption, there must be a "compelling reason" for sealing that is "sufficient to outweigh the public's interest in disclosure." *Kamakana v. City & County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006). Compelling reasons exist in this case. The parties' interests in keeping the information in the record confidential to protect the minor student at issue outweighs the public's interest in disclosure of these confidential records. *See id.* Given the volume of the record and the prevalence of sensitive information contained in the record, redacting this confidential information would be overly burdensome and would render the record difficult to understand – and thus far less valuable – to the public and the

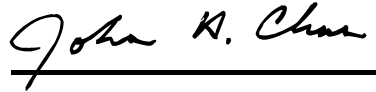
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1 Court. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the parties' stipulated motion and DIRECTS the Clerk
2 to maintain the administrative record under seal once it is filed.

3 DATED this 15th day of March, 2023.

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7 John H. Chun
8 United States District Judge

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